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# The Acadia Experience

Protecting over 47,000 acres along the rugged Maine coast, Acadia National Park is one of the gems of the National Park System. Thanks to the foresight and dedication of the early conservationists who set aside this refuge of mountains, forests, lakes, and coastline, Acadia offers something to please all tastes. Whether you prefer a quiet moment to relax and take in an ocean view, or a strenuous hike through rich woodlands to a rocky summit, you can find it here.

To get to know the park, join a park ranger for a guided hike, seaside investigation, or amphitheater program. Experience the thrill of watching migrating hawks soar high overhead, explore the stories of the Maine coast on a boat cruise, or stroll along Acadia's scenic carriage roads to uncover the secrets of fall's vibrant colors. For program descriptions and a schedule, see pages 4–6.

If you prefer to explore on your own, start at Hulls Cove Visitor Center. Here you can buy your entrance pass, watch a short orientation movie, and plan your visit using a three-dimensional map of Mount Desert Island. The bookstore carries guidebooks, children's stories, maps, and more, and park rangers are available to answer your questions.

From the visitor center or the Village Green in Bar Harbor, you can hop on fare-free Island Explorer buses until October 10, 2005. Propane-powered buses link popular park destinations to neighboring villages on the island. Buying your park pass keeps this unique service running.

A trip along the Park Loop Road, with its spectacular scenery and interesting stops, is a must for Acadia visitors. Museums and concession facilities are open until mid to late October (see inside for details). Be aware that the road can be congested; please drive safely. Sieur de Monts Spring serves as a memorial to George B. Dorr, the driving force behind the establishment of the park and Acadia's first superintendent. Learn about natural and cultural history at the Nature Center and the Abbe Museum. Travel along stunning Ocean Drive, where you can walk Sand Beach or listen for the sometimesbooming waters of Thunder Hole. Stop at Wildwood Stables for a horse-drawn carriage ride, then continue to the Jordan Pond area, which features hiking trails and the Jordan Pond House, where you can stop for refreshments. At the northern end of the Park Loop Road, Cadillac Mountain Road takes you to the highest point on the eastern seaboard of North America. Early risers can enjoy a spectacular sunrise over the island-dotted ocean.

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Enjoy fall colors from park roads. Photo by NPS/Carrie Karl.

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Volunteers clean leaves from drainages on a carriage road.

For active visitors, the historic carriage road and hiking trail systems beckon. Built by John D. Rockefeller Jr. in the early 20th century, the carriage roads continue to offer the same automobile-free experience envisioned at their inception. With carriage roads winding throughout the east side of the island, you can take a short, leisurely ride or link segments to create a day-long bicycling adventure. (Note: Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails or privately owned carriage roads.) Over 120 miles of hiking trails, many created by the island's village improvement societies in the late 1800s and early 1900s, crisscross the island. You can choose between well-traveled routes or more isolated trails that provide solitude.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of activities in the park, and there is no singular "Acadia experience." Whatever you choose to do during your time here, remember to honor the tradition of conservation begun by the park's founders nearly one hundred years ago.

#### **More of Acadia**

Schoodic Peninsula: The park protects more than 2,000 acres on the Schoodic Peninsula, located fifty miles from Bar Harbor by road. It is the only section of the park on the mainland. A one-way, six-mile loop road skirts the edge of the peninsula, offering sweeping views of Mount Desert Island. The Schoodic Education and Research Center, one of 17 research learning centers in the National Park Service, is located here.

Isle Au Haut: More than 2,500 acres on Isle au Haut, a remote offshore island accessible by boat from Stonington, are also part of the park. Rocky shoreline, wooded uplands, marshes, bogs, and a freshwater lake offer opportunities for day hiking and solitude. Duck Harbor Campground, a remote five-site campground, is available by advance reservation only.

#### **Outside the Park**

On Mount Desert Island, the park is surrounded by scenic island harbors, quaint towns, and an operational lighthouse. On the west side of the island lie the year-round community of Southwest Harbor and the traditional downeast villages of Bass Harbor and Bernard, where you'll find docks piled high with lobster traps and harbors filled with fishing boats. Nearby, the Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse has warned generations of mariners that land is near. On the east side of the island is Northeast Harbor, filled with pleasure craft and working boats.

Local communities offer boat trips, whale watching, bike rentals, and kayaking trips. For more information, contact local chambers of commerce.

### Pages 2-3 Happenings

Find out what's going on this autumn. See pages 2-3 for details about park closures, fee information, and facilities and services that will help you plan your trip. Learn more about park projects that you might come across during your visit and discover one of the challenges for park management.

### Pages 4-6 Programs

Whether you are feeling adventurous and want to explore the park on foot, or you would rather sit back and relax while you learn, you can find a ranger-led program to suit your interests. Park rangers offer walks, talks, hikes, boat tours, amphitheater programs, and more. Join us on a program today!

### Page 8 Tips

Wondering what's the best time to explore the intertidal zone or watch sunrise from Cadillac Mountain? Looking for ideas to help protect your park and yourself as you explore? Check out the tide chart, sunrise/ sunset times, and safety tips on page 8. Important Information. . . 2-3
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# Park Closures

#### **Construction Projects**

Several construction projects are underway as we work to improve park facilities. We appreciate your patience; the results will be worth the wait! Fall 2005 projects include:

- Blackwoods Campground A portion of the campground is closed during construction. Sites suitable for larger RVs will close after September 5. Seawall Campground will remain open through early October to provide alternative RV sites. Blackwoods will close on November 1, 2005, and remain closed until spring 2006.
- Schoodic Point Restrooms may be closed, but a portable toilet will be available.
- Sieur de Monts Nature Center The area will be under construction, but the Nature Center, Abbe Museum, and Wild Gardens of Acadia will remain open through October 10.
- Cadillac Mountain A portion of the summit trail may be under construction. Watch for signs and flaggers on the road during roadside utility work.

#### **Nightly Closures**

To protect park resources, the following areas are closed at dark:

- Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse is closed to visitors and vehicles.
- Carroll Homestead, Lake Wood, and Thompson Island Picnic Area are closed to vehicles.

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The Carroll Homestead.



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Acadia National Park protects over 47,000 acres of granite-domed mountains, woodlands, lakes and ponds, and ocean shoreline, creating striking scenery and diverse habitats. This diverse environment combines with a rich cultural history to create unparalleled scientific, educational, and recreational opportunities in a spectacular setting.

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# Autumn Explorations in Acadia

#### **Facilities**

#### **Hulls Cove Visitor Center**

Watch the 15-minute orientation film and plan your visit with a three-dimensional map of the island. Books, maps, and information are available. Open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in September and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in October.

#### Campgrounds

Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds are located on Mount Desert Island. Reservations are required at Blackwoods from May 1 to October 31. See the *Park Closures* article for more information. Seawall is first-come, first served. Neither campground has hook-ups. There is no backcountry camping in the park.

#### Museums

Islesford Historical Museum: Exhibits tell the story of the Cranberry Isles and their people. Accessible by boat from Northeast Harbor or Southwest Harbor. Free admission. Open daily 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. through September. (Open at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays.) Closed for the season after September 30.

*Nature Center*: Discover Acadia's natural resources and learn how they are protected. Free. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed for the season after October 10.

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#### The gate at the Brown Mountain Gatehouse.

Abbe Museum: Explore the story of Maine's earliest people, from II,000 years ago to today. The museum is privately operated and charges a nominal fee. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through mid-October.

#### Picnic Areas

Picnic areas are located throughout the park. Charcoal fires are permitted in park-owned or private grills in these areas.

#### **Activities**

#### Hiking

More than 120 miles of hiking trails offer something for everyone. Pick up a guide to the most popular trails, rated by difficulty, at the visitor center or campgrounds. More comprehensive hiking maps and trail guides are available for purchase.

#### Junior and Senior Ranger Programs

Learn about the park while you complete the activities in the Junior Ranger booklet and earn a certificate and patch. A Senior Ranger program is available for ages 18 and over. Booklets can be purchased at the visitor center, nature center, or campgrounds.

#### Ranger-Led Programs

Join us for boat cruises, evening slide programs, mountain hikes, short talks, and nature walks. For a schedule and descriptions, see pages 4–6.

#### Scenic Drives

Drive 27 miles on the Park Loop Road and Cadillac Mountain Road to view the spectacular scenery of Acadia. Enjoy occasional stops to stroll down a path or read a wayside exhibit. A self-guided audio tour of Acadia and the surrounding area, covering 56 miles, is available for purchase at the visitor center.

#### Walking and Biking

More than 45 miles of historic carriage roads are available for exploration by foot, bike, or horseback. Guidebooks are available for purchase at the visitor center. Motorized vehicles, with the exception of motorized wheelchairs, are prohibited on carriage roads. Horses are not permitted on all sections. Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails or private carriage roads. Bicycle rentals are available in nearby communities.

Self-guided walks, which offer trail guides at the starting point of each walk, include Carroll Homestead (very easy ½-mile loop), Jordan Pond Nature Trail (easy I-mile loop), and Sieur de Monts Spring (very easy ½-mile loop).

### Parlez-Vous Français?

Une traduction française d'information de parc est disponible au centre d'accueil à Hulls Cove sur la route 3. Merci de visiter le parc national d'Acadia.

### Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

Parkinformation auf Deutsch finden Sie im Besuchercenter in Hulls Cove an der Strasse #3. Vielen Dank für Ihren Besuch.

#### Information

Call 911 for all emergencies.

#### Accessibility

The Access Guide lists accessible facilities, including museums, picnic areas, and trails. Pick up a copy of the guide at the visitor center. Many ranger-led programs are accessible. See the schedule on pages 4–6 for details.

#### **Island Explorer Shuttles**

Fare-free Island Explorer buses operate throughout Mount Desert Island, linking the park to neighboring village centers, through October 10, 2005. By parking your car and riding these propane-powered buses, you can help reduce traffic congestion, parking, and air pollution problems on the island. Pick up a schedule at the visitor center or Bar Harbor Village Green. You can also flag down the bus anywhere it is safe to stop along its route.

#### Parking

During busy times, the park can be quite congested. Please drive carefully and observe posted signage. Better yet, ride the bus and relax! Parking is only permitted in designated (posted) areas, parking lots, and established roadside pullouts.

#### Pets

Pets must be attended and on a six-foot or shorter leash. Except for service animals, pets are not permitted on Sand Beach or Echo Lake Beach from May 15 to October 15, in public buildings, or on ladder trails.

#### Size Restrictions

Vehicles taller than 11'8" cannot drive the entire Park Loop Road. See park map for bridge heights. Trailers and vehicles longer than 20' are not permitted on Bass Harbor Head Road or the southern end of Schooner Head Road. There is a 35' maximum for RVs in campgrounds.

# Where Do Your Fees Go?

The majority of fees paid in Acadia stay right here. The Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, first authorized by Congress in 1996, mandates that 80 percent of fees paid in Acadia stay in the park to be used for projects that *directly* benefit park visitors and resources. Your fees are used for a variety of projects that improve the condition of natural and cultural resources and make the park a safer place for you to visit. Some of the projects financed by fees in 2005 include:

- Rehabilitation of the historic trails system
- Vista management along the Park Loop Road and carriage roads
- Replacement of the park's radio system
- Rehabilitation of the grounds at Sieur de Monts Spring

In addition to these projects, your fees help finance the Island Explorer, a seasonal public transit system that serves Acadia National Park and local communities. Increases in entrance fees begun in 2004 reflect a transportation fee that directly supports Island Explorer: \$10 from every weekly pass and Acadia National Park Pass sold during the season goes into a special transportation account. These transportation fees will help defray the cost of long-term expansion of the system, helping eliminate traffic problems in the park.

Established in the late 1990s to reduce traffic congestion, parking, and air pollution problems, Island Explorer provides a fare-free, eco-friendly transportation alternative. The Island Explorer bus system was created through a partnership between the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maine Department of Transportation, Friends of Acadia, six municipalities, and private businesses. Downeast Transportation Inc., a nonprofit organization, operates the fleet of propane-powered buses.

Please support the Island Explorer and other projects by buying a park pass at the following locations:

Open through the end of October

- Blackwoods Campground
- Hulls Cove Visitor Center
- Park Headquarters
- Sand Beach Entrance Station

Open through early October

- Bar Harbor Village Green
- Seawall Campground
- Thompson Island Visitor Center

All visitors who enter the park, regardless of how or where they enter, must pay an entrance fee. We thank you for your support!

### 2005 Fees

#### **Entrance Fees/Passes**

- \$10 (off season) / \$20 (in season) entrance pass allows for a
- \$40 annual Acadia National Park Pass allows unlimited visits to Acadia for one year from date of purchase

#### **Other Passes**

- \$50 National Parks Pass gets you into any national park for one year from date of purchase
- \$10 Golden Age Passport allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens who are 62 years or older
- Free Golden Access Passport allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens with a permanent disability

#### **Camping Fees**

- Blackwoods Campground: Reservations are required May 1 through October 31. Call 800-365-2267 or visit http://reservations.nps.gov. The cost is \$20 per night per site (in season). Closed November 2005 to spring 2006.
- Seawall Campground: First come, first served. Open May 15 to early October. Drive-up sites \$20 per night. Walk-in sites \$14.

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Your entrance fees help support the park and the fare-free Island Explorer buses. Photo by Sheridan

# Protecting Native Species: Mission Possible?

Parks are important refuges for native plants and animals. The value of protected areas like Acadia National Park becomes more evident each day as threats to native species' survival increase. One of the major threats today is the presence of invasive exotic species, non-native plants and animals introduced by humans into an area where they did not previously exist.

Throughout the National Park System, exotic plants infest some 2.6 million acres. Approximately 25% of Acadia's more than 1,000 plant species are exotic, including purple loosestrife and lupine. While many exotic plants appear to be benign, several species are extremely invasive and pose threats to native plants and communities by out-competing them for water, nutrients, and space. This in turn interferes with the survival of the animals that rely on native plants for food and shelter. In Maine, native fish and aquatic life are threatened by aggressive exotic plants like milfoil, which can be transported on boats moved from infected lakes.

Non-native animals can also create major disruptions. Two hundred and thirty-four National Park Service units have invasive animals in need of management. From zebra mussels decimating native mussel populations in Great Lakes watersheds, to the hemlock wooly adelgid (an aphid-like insect) destroying entire stands of eastern hemlock trees in Great Smoky Mountains and Shenandoah National Parks, to pet snakes being "freed" in Everglades National Park, exotic animals are greatly impacting our environment. Acadia has some non-native animal species, including a number of marine invasive organisms that can harm native species by displacing or preying on them, impacting habitat, or introducing new parasites and diseases.

So what is the park doing to protect its native plants and animals? Is it an impossible mission? We don't think so, but ensuring the health and well-being of parks requires hard work. Staff must determine whether a particular exotic poses a serious threat to native resources and if control is feasible, identify and monitor areas where non-native plants grow, and decide which treatments will be effective.

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Areas requiring revegetation are planted with native species.

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Purple loosestrife is the focus of an extensive control effort in Acadia National Park. Photo Gary A. Monroe/USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database.

You can help turn the fight against exotics into a "mission possible." Contact your local cooperative extension to learn about destructive plants in your area. Don't buy invasive plants from nurseries; garden with native plants instead. Watch your step while exploring natural areas and stay on designated trails to avoid crushing fragile plants. Clean and dry your boat and gear after removing it from lakes with invasive species. Don't release pets that are no longer wanted; talk to your veterinarian to find them a new home. Learn more about our country's rich native plant and animal life so you can help ensure that your children and grandchildren can enjoy it, too.

#### **Help Us Revegetate!**

In response to extensive rehabilitation at the carriage road bridges and Seawall Campground, the park has undertaken a revegetation project to replace much of the vegetation that was disturbed during construction. Here's how you can help make this project a success and help restore these areas to their natural condition.

- Areas where native plants are planted will be roped off and signed to indicate what's happening there.
   Small trees and shrubs will be mulched with wood chips. Please don't walk through these areas or damage new or existing plants.
- Stay on designated paths. Shortcuts kill plants.
- When visiting the carriage road bridges, use park-maintained trails to view them. Don't trample plants by creating your own path.

Remember: It only takes one footstep to kill a plant!

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# Autumn Ranger-Led Program Descriptions

### Walks, Talks, and Hikes

#### Acadia's Birds (3 hours, easy)

Find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia's most fascinating residents. Bring binoculars. Expect motor travel to various points in the park. \*Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

#### Animals of Acadia (1-1½ hours, talk)

Deer? Moose? Snakes? Turtles? Discover the animals you might and might not see in the park. Sieur de Monts Nature Center.



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At the Summit (I hour, easy ½-mile walk)

Enjoy the views from atop Cadillac Mountain and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty. Cadillac Summit parking area.

#### Autumn Leaves (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)

Uncover the secrets behind the vibrant colors of Acadia's trees as you stroll along historic carriage roads. Eagle Lake parking area.



Beech Mountain Hike (3 hours, moderate 2-mile hike)

Walk up through emerald forests and blueberry patches to Beech Mountain's granite summit for panoramic views. Beech Mountain parking area.

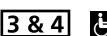
#### Beginning Birders' Workshop (3 hours, easy)

Join this beginning birders' caravan and learn how to use field guides and binoculars and where to look for Acadia's feathered friends. Transportation needed. \*Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

#### Birds of Prey (I-I½ hours, talk)

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Explore Acadia's eagles, owls, and other raptors and learn where to look for them. Sieur de Monts Nature Center.



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Blanket of Ice (2½ hours, strenuous 2-mile hike)
Ascend the steep side of an ice-carved valley to read the glacial



Forests of Lilliput (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)

Explore the fascinating world of mosses, ferns, lichens, and fungi. \*Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

### Gorham Mountain Hike (2½ hours, moderate 2-mile hike)

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Reward yourself with views of Acadia's coastline from atop a granite
mountain. Be prepared for rocky trail conditions. Gorham Mountain parking area.

#### Great Head Hike (2½ hours, moderate 1½-mile hike)

Hike to a spectacular headland while learning about Acadia's cultural and natural history. Great Head parking area.

### Green Kingdom (2 hours, easy I- to 2-mile walk)

Explore the diverse world of Acadia's flora along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area.





#### Hawkwatch (easy)

Join rangers and volunteers to observe and learn about migrating birds of prey. Stop by anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., weather permitting. Binoculars are helpful. From the east side of the Cadillac Summit parking area, walk 200 yards along the North Ridge Trail to the Hawkwatch site.

#### Life Between the Tides (3 hours, moderate 1.3-mile walk)

Roll up your sleeves and investigate the fascinating world where ocean meets land. Ship Harbor parking area.



#### Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges (2½ hours, moderate ½-mile hike)

Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges. Parkman Mountain parking area.

#### Explore the scenic infeeling of failu and sea.

Explore the scenic meeting of land and sea. Gorham Mountain parking area.

#### World of the Beavers (2 hours, easy walk)

Join us at dusk to learn about and look for these amazing animal architects. Reservations required. Ask about accessibility. \*Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

#### Written in the Rocks (3 hours, moderate 2-mile hike)

Otter Point Walk (2 hours, easy to moderate 2-mile hike)

Hike to a dramatic headland for a look at the geologic processes that created Acadia's scenery. Sand Beach parking area.



#### **Boat Cruises**

Park rangers interpret the park from three of the many commercial boats in the area. Make reservations with boat owners. Wear warm clothing; layers are helpful. Arrive 15 minutes before departure. Some boat operators run several trips daily. Please ask boat operators about accessibility and trips not listed below.

#### Islesford Historical Cruise (2 hours, 45 minutes)

Discover the enduring connections between people and the sea. Search for wildlife as you cruise to Little Cranberry Island for a stop at the Islesford Historical Museum and explore the scenic fjord of Somes Sound. Municipal Pier, Northeast Harbor. Fee: \$24 adults, \$23 seniors 65 and older, \$15 children under 12, \$5 children under 5. Reservations: 207-276-5352.

#### Frenchman Bay Cruise (2 hours)

Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot, four-masted schooner in search of wildlife and history. Fee: \$29.50 adults, \$27.50 seniors 65 and older, \$19.50 children under 12. Group rates (15 or more) are \$25.50 per person. Bar Harbor Inn Pier. Reservations: 207-288-4585.

#### Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise (3 hours)

Cruise with a ranger through Frenchman Bay in search of seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life. Watch real-time video as a diver scours the ocean floor for marine life to bring aboard the boat for hands-on exploration. 55 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$35 adults, \$30 seniors 65 and older, \$25 children 6-12, \$10 children 5 and under. Reservations: 207-288-3483.

### **Amphitheater Programs**

One-hour amphitheater programs take place at Blackwoods
Campground many nights this fall. Parking is available for non-campers.

Calendars at the campground and information centers list the specific program offered that night; see below for a partial listing of programs.

#### Become a Wildlife Super Sleuth!

Many folks come to Acadia to see wildlife, but when they arrive they often wonder where all of the critters have gone. Join us as we learn to identify the clues left behind by some of these elusive creatures.

#### Can You Get There From Here?

Contrary to the old New Englander's response to lost tourists, "you can't get there from here," people have been getting around on Mount Desert Island for thousands of years. Explore different ways to get there from here and beyond.

#### Nature's Gifts: Our National Parks

Learn more about the origin of our national parks, described by some as "the best idea America ever had."

#### The Unseen World

Discover how, when, and where to explore Acadia to see some of the park's common, but often overlooked, beauties.

#### **Program Locations and Legend**

**Beech Mountain parking area** – Southern end of Beech Hill Road off Route 102

Blackwoods Campground – Route 3 south of Otter Creek Cadillac Summit parking area – Top of Cadillac Mountain Eagle Lake parking area – Route 233 west of Bar Harbor Gorham Mountain parking area – Park Loop Road south of Sand Beach **Great Head parking area** – Southern end of Schooner Head Road

Parkman Mountain parking area – Route 3/198 north of Northeast Harbor

**Sand Beach parking area** – Park Loop Road south of Entrance Station

**Ship Harbor parking area** - Route 102A east of Bass Harbor

**Sieur de Monts Nature Center** – Route 3 at Sieur de Monts entrance to Park Loop Road

**Tarn parking area** – Route 3 just south of entrance to Sieur de Monts



Suggested Island Explorer Shuttle to take to program. Buses run until October 10, 2005.



Wheelchair Accessible

\* Reservations can be made only three (3) days in advance.

Program schedule on pages 5 & 6.

# **Autumn Ranger-Led Program Schedule**

#### Thursday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Beech Mountain Hike

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
10:30 a.m. At the Summit

1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise 2:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides

#### Friday, September 2

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
2:30 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Great Head Hike
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
3:00 p.m. Green Kingdom
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Saturday, September 3

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds

9:00 a.m. Gorham Mountain Hike

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:30 p.m. At the Summit
3:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides

7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program variable World of the Beavers

#### Sunday, September 4

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
2:00 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
3:00 p.m. Green Kingdom

**Amphitheater Program** 

#### Monday, September 5

7:30 p.m.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:30 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Great Head Hike

#### Tuesday, September 6

7:00 a.m. Beginning Birds8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise2:00 p.m. At the Summitvariable World of the Beavers

#### Wednesday, September 7

8:00 a.m. Written in the Rocks 9:00 a.m. Beech Mountain Hike

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
11:00 a.m. At the Summit

2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
4:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Thursday, September 8

8:30 a.m. Otter Point Walk 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
At the Summit
Amphitheater Program
World of the Beavers

#### Friday, September 9

9:00 a.m. Great Head Hike
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey
3:00 p.m. Green Kingdom
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Saturday, September 10

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds

8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges 9:00 a.m. Gorham Mountain Hike

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
10:00 a.m. At the Summit
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
4:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Sunday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Green Kingdom
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Great Head Hike
variable World of the Beavers

#### Monday, September 12

7:00 a.m. Beginning Birds 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
1:30 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Beech Mountain Hike
4:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk

#### **Tuesday, September 13**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey
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#### Wednesday, September 14

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
10:30 a.m. At the Summit
11:30 a.m. Life Between the Tides
2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Thursday, September 15

Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise Islesford Historical Cruise 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Life Between the Tides **Dive-In Theater Cruise** 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. At the Summit 7:30 p.m. **Amphitheater Program** variable World of the Beavers

#### Friday, September 16

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
2:30 p.m. At the Summit
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
3:00 p.m. Autumn Leaves
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Saturday, September 17

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:30 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Life Between the Tides

**Amphitheater Program** 

#### Sunday, September 18

7:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Beech Mountain Hike 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch 3:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides

#### Monday, September 19

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch 10 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 2:30 p.m. At the Summit

#### Tuesday, September 20

4:00 p.m.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 10:30 a.m. At the Summit 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise 3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey

Otter Point Walk

variable World of the Beavers

#### Wednesday, September 21

7:00 a.m. Beginning Birds 9 a.m. Forests of Lilliput 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
3:00 p.m. Autumn Leaves
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Thursday, September 22

9:00 a.m. Blanket of Ice 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch 9:00 a.m. Otter Point Walk Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. **Islesford Historical Cruise** 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. **Dive-In Theater Cruise** 2:30 p.m. Beech Mountain Hike 7:30 p.m. **Amphitheater Program** variable World of the Beavers

#### Friday, September 23

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:30 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Great Head Hike
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Saturday, September 24

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds

8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise

2:30 p.m. At the Summit
3:00 p.m. Autumn Leaves
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Sunday, September 25

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
12 noon At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Great Head Hike
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#### Monday, September 26

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise10:00 a.m. Life Between the Tides3:00 p.m. Autumn Leaves

#### Tuesday, September 27

8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m.
Frenchman Bay Cruise
Islesford Historical Cruise
Dive-In Theater Cruise
At the Summit

#### Wednesday, September 28

7:00 a.m. Beginning Birds
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:30 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike

3:00 p.m. Autumn Leaves
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Thursday, September 29

8:30 a.m. Written in the Rocks
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
12:30 p.m. Life Between the Tides
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

World of the Beavers

#### Friday, September 30

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9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch 10:00 a.m. At the Summit 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia 4:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk

#### Saturday, October 1

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch 10:00 a.m. At the Summit 10:00 a.m. Islesford Histor

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Sunday, October 2

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch 2:00 p.m. At the Summit variable World of the Beavers

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#### Monday, October 3

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise2:30 p.m. At the Summit3:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides

#### Tuesday, October 4

7:00 a.m. Beginning Birds
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
10:30 a.m. At the Summit
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia

#### Wednesday, October 5

9:00 a.m. Autumn Leaves
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:30 a.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Forests of Lilliput
2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike

#### Thursday, October 6

8:30 a.m. Written in the Rocks

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise

#### Friday, October 7

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
variable World of the Beavers

#### Saturday, October 8

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
1slesford Historical Cruise
2:30 p.m.
Beech Mountain Hike
7:30 p.m.
Amphitheater Program

#### Sunday, October 9

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:00 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
2:30 p.m. At the Summit
7:30 p.m. Amphitheater Program

#### Monday, October 10

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise2:30 p.m. At the Summit

#### Tuesday, October 11

1:30 p.m.

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:30 a.m. At the Summit

#### Wednesday, October 12

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch

10:00 a.m. Life Between the Tides
2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
3:00 p.m. Autumn Leaves
variable World of the Beavers

**Dive-In Theater Cruise** 

#### Thursday, October 13

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater
2:00 p.m. At the Summit

#### Friday, October 14

10:30 a.m. At the Summit12:30 p.m. Life Between the Tides

### **Program Reminders**

 Contact park staff regarding accessible facilities, services, and programs.

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- Please escort your children on organized walks and hikes. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children.
- Be sure to carry water and wear appropriate clothing on
   biles.
- Please do not bring pets on ranger-led programs or to amphitheaters. Service animals are welcome.

#### Spirit of Acadia Events September/October 2005

Spirit of Acadia is a volunteer organization established in 2004 to focus attention on the legacy of the men and women who brought Acadia National Park into being in the early 20th century. The committee coordinated the following fall 2005 activities—sponsored by island libraries, museums, and historical societies—honoring park founders, including George B. Dorr, the first superintendent of Acadia.

#### September 1 to October 16

Exhibit: "Dr. Abbe's Museum in Mr. Dorr's Park." Abbe Museum at Sieur de Monts Spring, daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 207-288-3519.

#### September 1 to 30

Exhibit: "George B. Dorr: Acadia's Founder and First Naturalist." Dorr Museum of Natural History, College of the Atlantic. 207-288-5015 ext. 238.

#### September 1 to 30

Exhibit: The Old Farm 'Cottage' of Acadia's Founder. Jesup Memorial Library, Bar Harbor. 207-288-4245.

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# Acadia's Four-Legged Friend

While you're out exploring this fall, keep an eye out for Max, the park's II-year-old chestnut quarterhorse, and his park ranger. Max is the focus of the park's mounted patrol program, now in its second year of operation. Max helps make rangers available to assist visitors on the horse-friendly sections of the carriage road system. While Max primarily travels on the Jordan Pond and Bubble Pond loops, he sometimes visits other areas of the carriage roads, as well as Seawall and Blackwoods Campgrounds.

Thanks to the generous support of Friends of Acadia, the Mount Desert Island chapter of the Equine Affairs Association, and many other local residents, Max can be seen out on patrol four to five days a week. If you happen across Max during your adventures in the park, be sure to say hello and give him plenty of room to pass.

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Max on the job. Photo by NPS/Neal Labrie.

# Ocean Discovery with a Ranger

Are you captivated by the sea, by its mysteries, life, and legends? Do you wonder about the life of hardy Maine islanders? Are you curious about the lobster you had for dinner last night? If you answered yes to any of these questions, a park ranger-narrated boat tour is for you! Three boat cruises offered in conjunction with the park feature a park ranger onboard to tell the stories of the Maine coast.

The Islesford Historical Cruise travels through the Cranberry Isles to Little Cranberry Island. After stopping at the Islesford Historical Museum, where you can explore an exhibit featuring the age of sail and catch a glimpse of island life, the cruise takes you into Somes Sound, a fjord that cleaves Mount Desert Island nearly in two. Throughout the cruise, park rangers discuss the relationship between people and the sea and search for wildlife.

On the Frenchman Bay Cruise, imagine you are back in the 19th century as you cruise on a 151-foot, four-masted schooner replica. Learn about wildlife and history and, if you're feeling strong, maybe even lend a hand when the sails are unfurled. On the **Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise**, you can watch realtime video of a diver searching the ocean floor for sea life to bring aboard your boat for hands-on exploration. While cruising through Frenchman Bay, you may spot seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life.

Each of these ranger-led boat cruises are offered multiple times per week through early October. Reservations are recommended. Please see pages 4–6 for schedule, fee, and reservation information.

Please be prepared for your ocean adventure. Bring warm clothes (layers are helpful), sunscreen, and binoculars and wear rubber-soled shoes. Don't forget your camera so you can capture surfacing seals and porpoises or spectacular coastal scenery.

Get your sea legs ready and head out on a boat cruise with a park ranger. Space is limited, so make your reservations today!

# **Park Concessions**

Park concessions offer services to visitors within Acadia National Park. Acadia Corporation operates shops at Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole, and Jordan Pond. Visit the Jordan Pond House for traditional tea and popovers, or a full lunch or dinner. For reservations, contact the Jordan Pond House at 207-276-3316. Closes for the season on October 24, 2005.

Wildwood Stables, located one mile southeast of Jordan Pond, features horse-drawn carriage tours along Acadia's historic carriage roads. Enjoy scenic vistas and cool forests on your narrated tour. Private tours and stabling for your personal horse are also available. For information, contact Wildwood Stables at 207-276-3622. Closes for the season on October 10, 2005.

If you'd like to sit back and relax as you learn about Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island, a narrated bus tour might be just the activity for you. Beginning and ending in Bar Harbor, these tours explore the natural and cultural history of the park and surrounding area. Stops include many popular park sights, including Cadillac Mountain. National Park Tours (207-288-0300) offers 2½-hour tours. Oli's Trolley (207-288-9899) offers both 1-hour and 2½-hour tours. Advance reservations recommended.

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The Jordan Pond House offers tea and popovers, as well as a full lunch and dinner, in a spectacular setting.

Explore the scenic carriage roads of Acadia National Park on a horse-drawn carriage tour. Photo by NPS/Robert Thayer.

### Eastern National

Looking for a guide to plants in the northeastern United States? Trying to find something to keep your kids occupied

on a rainy day? Why not check out the Eastern National bookstores in the park? They carry a wide variety of educational items, including books about the park's natural and cultural history, children's stories, and travel; maps; videos; notecards; and more. Eastern National bookstores are located at Hulls Cove Visitor

Center, which offers the largest selection of items, Sieur de Monts Nature Center, Park Headquarters, Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds, and Islesford Historical Museum. Eastern National is a nonprofit agency that provides quality educational products and services to America's national

parks and other public trusts. Eastern National's contributions have benefited parks and visitors by supporting research, educational, and interpretive projects and by funding publications, including this edition of the park newspaper, the *Beaver Log*. Joining Eastern National supports your parks

and gives you 15% off merchandise in any Eastern National store. Pick up an application at the visitor center or for more information, visit www.easternnational.org.

# First Light

Explore the majesty of Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island through spectacular images and stirring text. This personal account of one man's relationship with the park is sure to capture your imagination and makes a great memento of your own experience here. Pick up your copy at the visitor center today.

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## Friends of Acadia

Friends of Acadia is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring the long-term protection of the natural and cultural resources of Acadia National Park and its region. To meet this mission, Friends of Acadia channels private donations to conservation and historic preservation projects in the park, monitors planning and legislative activities affecting Acadia, and publishes the *Friends of Acadia Journal*.

For more information about Friends of Acadia, please contact:

Friends of Acadia P.O. Box 45

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## **Volunteers**

Meet new friends, get some exercise, and feel a sense of accomplishment while helping Acadia National Park. Volunteers meet each week to tackle tasks such as cutting back vegetation and clearing drainages.

**When:** From 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday through mid-October, weather permitting.

**Where:** Locations vary, so please call for more information: 207-288-3934 or 207-288-3340.

#### Bring:

- Water
- Snacks
- Lunch

Work gloves and tools are provided.

#### Annual volunteer events include:

- Take Pride in Acadia Day on the first Saturday in November (11/5/05)
- Earth Day Roadside Cleanup on the last Saturday in April (4/29/06)
- National Trails Day on the first Saturday in June (6/3/06)

For volunteer opportunities at other National Park Service sites, visit www.nps.gov/volunteer.

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### **Interns**

Acadia National Park also has a yearly need for intern positions. Gain valuable experience working with the education or raptor interpretation programs. Visit www.nps.gov/acad/vol.htm for a complete and current listing of internships available at Acadia.

## **2006 Jobs**

Seasonal employment opportunities for summer 2006 may be available in maintenance, law enforcement, fee collection, interpretation, lifeguarding, and fire management. Visit the federal government's official job site at www.usajobs.opm.gov or contact Acadia Human Resources at 207-288-8711 or 207-288-8714.

# Keep Acadia's Wildlife Wild

Acadia offers many opportunities for observing wildlife. Deer browse alongside the Park Loop Road; songbirds dart through forests of peeling birch trees; raptors circle high overhead. Because of Acadia's small size and proximity to towns and residential areas, these animals often come in close contact with people. We must do our part to ease this contact, helping ensure the safety and health of wild animals. When you encounter wildlife, remember these things:

- Never feed wild animals, including gulls. Human food can make them ill and create beggar animals that no longer retain a healthy respect of humans.
- Respect closures established to protect plants and animals, especially nesting peregrines, seabirds, and eagles. Intrusion by humans can cause nesting attempts to fail.

- Keep your distance. Do not approach wild animals.
   If you suddenly find yourself too close, back away and give them room to escape. Use binoculars to get a close-up view.
- When camping, all food, garbage, and cooking equipment must be stored in an enclosed vehicle or hard-sided locker whenever you are not present. This precaution will help prevent wild animals from being attracted to your campsite.

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Fox, deer, beaver, porcupine, and other animals are not uncommon along roadsides on the island. Please drive carefully. Photo by NPS/Lora Haller.

- Remember that protecting wildlife in our national parks not only makes good sense, but also it is the law. All national parks have strict regulations concerning the protection of wildlife. When in doubt, ask a park ranger first.
- Be aware of wildlife along roads, especially at dusk and dawn. Pay close attention and lower your speed, allowing them and you a better chance to avoid an accident.

• Keep your pet(s) on a six-foot or shorter leash at all times and stay on designated trails or roads, thereby protecting wildlife and your pet.

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Don't forget: Acadia National Park is home to a variety of wildlife. Let's do our part to make the park a safe place for them to live.

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## **Experience Our Heritage**

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Sources: U.S. Naval Observatory (tides) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (sunrise/sunset). Both tide and sunrise/sunset times are for Bar Harbor. Adjustments for other locations or elevations may be necessary.

#### **Protect Your Park**

- Protect fragile plant life by staying on trails.
- Leave what you find. Removing natural and historic objects such as beach cobbles, flowers, marine life, and antlers degrades the park and is illegal.
- All pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet for the protection of your pet, visitors, and wildlife. Some trails and all beaches are closed to pets.
- Pack it in. Pack it out. Carry out anything you have brought into the park. Better yet, carry out any other litter you find, too!
- Keep wildlife wild. Wild animals fed by people often starve in winter, are hit by cars, or become dangerous pests.
- Trail markers (cairns) are carefully maintained by the park. Please do not remove or add to these.
- Protect water sources. Do not swim in bodies of water marked as water supplies.
- Ride the propane-powered Island Explorer shuttle bus to help reduce traffic and pollution in the park.
- Camping and fires are allowed only in established areas.

#### **Protect Yourself**

- Always carry water, a map, adequate clothing, a first aid kit, and a flashlight while hiking.
- Be sure to tell someone your plans—when you are leaving, where you are going, and when you will return.
- Be careful near cliff edges, especially if the rock is wet.
- Remain in one place if you become lost or separated from your group.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike. Obey all traffic laws, including one-way signs.
- Be sure to check for ticks as Lyme disease can occur in this area. If walking through tall grass, consider wearing long pants and using insect repellent.
- Drive safely and wear your seat belt. The speed limit is 35 mph in the park unless otherwise noted. It is easy to get distracted by scenery—pay attention.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Yield to wildlife on roads. Give them plenty of room and remain at a safe distance.
- Remember: When in doubt, ask a park ranger first!



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